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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the tragic death of Lance Cpl. Torrey  
4 Stoffel-Gray of Patoka on April 11, 2004 in Fallujah, Iraq; and

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WHEREAS, Torrey Stoffel-Gray was born on December 17, 1984,  
6 in Indianapolis the son of Jerry and Mary (Henson) Stoffel; and

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WHEREAS, He lived his life in Salem and Patoka; he attended  
8 Patoka High School and after graduation attended the Lincoln  
9 Challenge Military Academy in Rantoul; and

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WHEREAS, He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in  
11 2002 and had his initial training at the Marine Corp Recruit  
12 Depot in San Diego; he was awarded a Combat Action Ribbon, a  
13 Presidential Unit Citation, a National Defense Service Medal, a  
14 Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Purple Heart; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Cpl. Torrey Stoffel-Gray will  
16 be deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Jerry and Mary  
17 (Henson) Stoffel; his grandparents, Martha Stoffel and Robert  
18 and Linda Gray; his great-grandmother, Marion Patterson; his  
19 three brothers, Brandon Stoffel-Gray, Russell Stoffel, and  
20 Blake Stoffel; his 11 uncles and aunts, Jeff and Elizabeth  
21 Stoffel, Rebecca and Dean Veal, Sheila and Rick Plemons, Betty  
22 Haley, Sarah and Bruce Duncan, and Judy and Dwayne Greene; and  
23 his fiancée, Kari Atchison; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his grandparents,  
25 Russell Stoffel and Louis and Sylvia Henson; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
28 Lance Cpl. Torrey Stoffel-Gray along with all who knew and  
29 loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family,

1 friends, and community; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Cpl. Torrey  
3 Stoffel-Gray and his willingness to serve our great nation  
4 which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it  
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Lance Cpl. Torrey Stoffel-Gray as an  
8 expression of our deepest sympathy.